
OVERVIEW

The Transitional Placement Program (TPP) provides for emergency short-term placements in a family setting until more permanent placement options can be identified.

PLACEMENT EVALUATION

A TPP shelter home serves as an evaluation tool, as the TPP shelter home parents observe how a child responds to various kinds of interactions within the home. TPP shelter home parents assist the child's worker in planning for the child's next, more permanent placement.

The child's worker is responsible for the child's overall treatment plans of the child. Any information that the shelter home parents can provide concerning the child will help the child's worker formulate better plans. Since the TPP shelter home parents are with the child more than the child's worker, the shelter home parents have a responsibility to participate in the child's treatment planning by sharing their feelings, observations, and ideas with the child's worker.

The TPP shelter home placement for some children can serve as a very important information resource. It is not expected that the shelter home will be providing a professional diagnostic or evaluative statement. A statement of observations by the TPP shelter home parent will be provided to the child's worker and will include the following:

- Eating habits.
- Sleeping habits.
- Personnel hygiene habits.
- Moods.
- Successful behavior management and de-escalation techniques.

POLICY CONTACT

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